

## Third Grade State Project

1. MAP...Child should draw the assigned state on white poster board (approximately 23" by 27"). Have the name of the state in large readable letters. Show the bordering states, etc. in smaller letters. Show the capital, and large and important cities, plus any important water. Write the population in the corner. Have a key and compass rose. The student's name should be on the back.

2. ORAL REPORT...Most of the grade comes from the oral report. Practice your speech at home! It should be between 4 to 5 minutes long. The student may have note cards but may not have sheet(s) of paper. The student should not read the report. The class may ask questions at the end but this is not part of your report's time or graded.

3. Start with the name of the state and tell us all of the above "map" information while pointing to it on the drawn map.

a. Format :

My state is \_\_\_\_\_.

It borders \_\_\_\_\_ (states, water, country)

The population is \_\_\_\_\_.

This state joined the United States in \_\_\_\_\_.

The capital is \_\_\_\_\_.

Important cities are \_\_\_\_\_.

The important water and land forms are \_\_\_\_\_.

Then continue with b, c, d, e, information

b. Tell how your state makes money (eg. mining, farming)

c. What is your state famous for?

d. Why did you choose your state? (eg. grandparents live there)

e. Tell anything interesting you found out about your state that third graders would enjoy hearing. That might be the state bird, state flower, the weather, famous residents of this state, sports teams, etc.

Please do not bring any food. We will be hanging our posters up in our hallway so please do not use foam board or heavy cardboard.

Your child will need some guidance and maybe transportation to the library. We will be using our SMM library, computer lab, and encyclopedia. Reports will begin on February 15th. Thank you for your help!

Here is a link to the VoiceThread Room 113 made showcasing their poster and the most interesting part of their state. We will also do this project when we all are done presenting.

<http://room113smm.wikispaces.com/State+Reports>

